

Brigade Command Policy # 06-01

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MEMORANDUM FOR 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division (Mech)

SUBJECT: Use of Electronic Mail (E-mail) and Internet

1. All computer users within 1 BCT will observe proper use of internet access. The DoD Joint Ethics Regulation, DoD 5500-7R, specifically prohibits using government computers in a manner which reflects adversely on the Army, such as sending chain letters (which include virus hoaxes that advise receivers to "send a copy of this to everyone you know"), or unauthorized advertising, selling, or soliciting. E-mail users are prohibited from sending personal messages which contain negative racial, ethnic, sexual, or religious comments that are contrary to the Army ethic and Equal Opportunity goals.
2. Use of the Internet (to include E-mail systems) allows the user a certain amount of anonymity. The access and use of Government automation does not relieve the user of criminal sanctions of misuse of systems. The Internet and E-mail systems are a fantastic tool that is available to research and gather information. However, users must exercise good judgment and not abuse privilege when using the system. Leaders will ensure the following:
 - a. Avoid any use of E-mail which may overburden the communication system such as broadcasts, group mailings, or messages with large attachment files over 1 Mbyte.
 - b. Access to network terminal servers from home or TDY locations will be limited to official business only. Authorized network users will not utilize government owned network servers to access the Internet for personal use or utilize government server capabilities to access commercial vendors; i.e., CompuServe, America On-Line, or Prodigy for personal use.
 - c. "Surfing the Web" for non-government business is a waste of government resources and time. Leaders are responsible to ensure this practice does not take place.
 - d. Accessing sites covering adult or sexual issues, illegal activities, bigotry, racism, drugs, bombs, or pornography are prohibited.
3. This memorandum will be disseminated to all automation users at the lowest level possible. POC is the 1st Brigade Signal Officer at 239-9679.
4. "Devil Brigade!"

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